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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 1, line 3, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

--Cross-Reference To Related Applications

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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-35 and add the following new claims.

36. A method for isolating a polyhydroxyalkanoate from a biomass derived from a transgenic plant comprising the polyhydroxyalkanoate, the method comprising: